



act by the agency upon which the civil action is based.” 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d)(2)(D), as amended by P.L. 99-80, § 2(c)(2)(B).

After consideration, it is hereby

**ORDERED** that Plaintiff’s motion (ECF No. 217) is granted, and Plaintiff is awarded attorney’s fees in the amount of \$3,778.13, plus \$20.85 in expenses and \$400.00 in costs pursuant to EAJA, made payable to Plaintiff and delivered to the business address of Plaintiff’s counsel.<sup>1</sup>

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

/s/Bruce H. Hendricks  
The Honorable Bruce Howe Hendricks  
United States District Judge

August 19, 2020  
Charleston, South Carolina

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<sup>1</sup> As the Supreme Court made clear in *Astrue v. Ratliff*, attorney’s fees under EAJA are made payable to the prevailing litigant and not to the litigant’s attorney. 560 U.S. 586, 598 (2010) (holding that the plain text of EAJA requires that attorney’s fees be awarded to the litigant, thus subjecting EAJA fees to an offset of any pre-existing federal debts).